GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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LOK SABHA

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ROLE OF NATIONAL SPORTS FEDERATIONS
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Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS be pleased to state:

(a) the role being played by various existing National Sports Federations in the country ;

(b) the achievements made by the federations in promoting sports; and

(c) the control/check exercised by the Government over these Federations ?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PANCHAYAT RAJ, YOUTH AFFAIRS & SPORTS AND DEVELOPMENT OF NORTH EASTERN REGION (SHRI MANI SHANKAR AIYAR)

(a) to (c): A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (c) OF LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 327 FOR REPLY ON 21.03.2007 BY SHRI G. KARUNAKARA REDDY REGARDING ROLE OF NATIONAL SPORTS FEDERATIONS

(a) The National Sports Federations (NSFs) are responsible and accountable for the overall management, direction, control, regulation, promotion, development and sponsorship of various sports disciplines. The recognized NSFs undertake various programmes for promotion of their respective sport such as spotting of talent, holding of national championships for Sub-Junior, Junior and Senior Categories, organization of international sports events in the country, selection of teams for participation in international sports events, training/coaching of national teams, procurement of equipment required for training etc.

(b) The NSFs in coordination with the Sports Authority of India (SAI) and the Ministry of Youth Affairs & Sports are undertaking various programmes as per agreed Long Term Development Plans (LTDPs) for the promotion of the sports disciplines concerned. As a result of these efforts, the performance of Indian sportspersons has shown some improvement at the international level in recent years. Details of the achievements of Indian sportspersons at major multi-disciplinary sports events held in recent past are given below:

Sl. No.	Name of the Event	Host Country	Medals Won Gold	Silver	Bronze	Total
1.	Asian Games,2002	Busan,Korea	11	12	13	36
2.	Commonwealth Games, 2002	Manchester,U.K	30	22	17	69
3.	Afro-Asian Games, 2003	Hyderabad (India)	19	32	29	80

4. South Asian Federation Games,2004	Islamabad, Pakistan	101	59	31	191
5. Olympic Games, 2004, Athens	Athens,Greece	00	01	00	01
6. Commonwealth Games,2006	Melbourne, Australia	22	17	11	50
7. SAF Games, 2006	Colombo, Sri Lanka	118	69	47	234

Note: Judo and Wrestling were not included as an event and Weightlifting had only one medal for each weight category thereby reducing the number of medals available as compared to the Commonwealth Games 2002.

Apart from above the disciplines of Athletics, Archery, Rowing, Table Tennis, Tennis, Yachting, Chess, Billiards & Snooker, Weightlifting, Badminton etc. have shown marked improvement in the performance at the international level and this has been possible as a consequence of the efforts of NSFs concerned backed by the requisite support of the Ministry and SAI.

(c) The National Sports Associations/Federations are autonomous bodies registered under the Societies Registration Act. Government of India does not interfere in their day-to-day functioning. However, under the scheme of 'Assistance to National Sports Federations,' the Government supplements the efforts of the recognized National Sports Federations by providing financial assistance for holding national/international sports events in India, participation of Indian sportspersons/teams in international sports events abroad, training and arrangements for coaches, both Indian and foreign, procurement of equipment and consumables etc., as per agreed Long Term Development Plans.

To ensure that the NSFs maintain certain basic standards and norms with regard to their internal functioning, provision has been made for the recognition of one National Sports Federation in each discipline under the scheme for which guidelines have been prescribed.

In order to ensure transparency in selection processes, the Ministry has appointed Government Observers in each discipline to oversee the selection process and submit reports to the Government. Assistance is released only after the accounts and utilization certificates of the assistance given, if any, for the previous event are submitted. As per the provisions of the General Financial Rules, the Ministry also issues necessary permission to CAG to conduct the audit of the NSFs receiving financial assistance of more than Rupees one crore in a financial year. The guidelines under the scheme of "Assistance to Naional Sports Federations" also provide for action by way of suspension/de-recognition in the event of irregularities such as unfair elections, misutilisation of funds, functioning against the interests of sports etc.